

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Ernst-August  
3 Kranz of Krainhagen in the County of Schaumburg, Germany,  
4 otherwise known as the sister city of Schaumburg, Illinois,  
5 will be retiring from his public and political life; and

6 WHEREAS, Ernst-August Kranz was born on August 6, 1919 in  
7 Krainhagen, Schaumburg; and

8 WHEREAS, After his return from the second World War in  
9 1945, Mr. Kranz began his illustrious career in politics; in  
10 December, 1945, he was elected as the first president of the  
11 Sporting Association 45 E.V. Krainhagen-Rohrkasten, where he  
12 served successfully for 40 years until 1985; during his  
13 initial years as president he provided the initiative, with  
14 cooperation from volunteers, to establish various sports  
15 programs for the youth in Krainhagen; and

16 WHEREAS, In the fall of 1952, Mr. Kranz was elected into  
17 the municipal council; by December of the same year, he was  
18 elected mayor and honorary Communal Director, where he has  
19 served both posts separately in a 44-year term; during this  
20 time the town of Krainhagen had changed from a financially  
21 weak community into a modern town with a high quality of  
22 living that has earned Germany's recognition as a place for  
23 rest and recuperation; he also had been a member of the  
24 Council of the City of Obernkirchen; and

25 WHEREAS, In 1964, Mr. Kranz was elected a member of the  
26 Landkreis for the County of Schaumburg; and starting in 1977,  
27 he became a member of the newly formed Landkreis Schaumburg  
28 where he has spent 32 years as delegate to the county  
29 government; and

30 WHEREAS, The most memorable and historic event in  
31 Ernst-August Kranz's Life was his election as counselor to

1 the then Landkreis County of Schaumburg on April 25, 1973,  
2 where he held this official position until the circuit reform  
3 in 1977; after the formation of the new Kreis Schaumburg, he  
4 became the first circuit magistrate; this was the first  
5 reunification of both parts of the Schaumburg land after 330  
6 years; and

7 WHEREAS, From 1981 to 1991, he was active as the 1st Vice  
8 Counselor; he has served an impressive 18 years as both  
9 Counselor and 1st Vice-Counselor; his duties as Counselor of  
10 the county and circuit were to unify the people, the  
11 associations, and the institutions of Schaumburg in order to  
12 form a true and genuine living community in Schaumburg; and

13 WHEREAS, An important stage of Mr. Kranz political life  
14 began with his election as representative of Schaumburg in  
15 the State House of Representatives from 1970 until 1974;  
16 during his term he emphasized the importance of achieving and  
17 maintaining the integrity of Schaumburg, in which he had some  
18 success; and

19 WHEREAS, Other than his activities as a member of  
20 communal associations and extraterritorial institutions and  
21 organizations, the maintenance and establishment of an  
22 international understanding among all people has been his  
23 greatest accomplishment; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
25 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
26 we congratulate Ernst-August Kranz of Krainhagen, Schaumburg  
27 on his retirement from outstanding political service to the  
28 citizens of the County of Schaumburg, Germany and we wish him  
29 well in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
31 presented to Ernst-August Kranz as an expression of our  
32 esteem.